



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,  
COUNTY OF KINGS

# NOTICE OF LEMOORE COURT CLOSURE

The State of California is faced with a fiscal crisis which will have an impact on Court operations. All State Government Agencies have closely examined their operations and expenditures for evaluation of cost efficiencies where necessary.

The Kings County Superior Court has had prudent fiscal planning, effective operational cost cutting measures and revenue generating strategies. The Court now faces a budget deficit of approximately \$1.3 million in this fiscal year of 2012-2013, which started on July 1, 2012. This is the most severe fiscal crisis which the Court has had. Until the budget and its trailer bills were enacted, the Court was unable to determine the exact cuts which were to be made, but knew it would have to make some reduction in operations.

In light of our budget reductions, we had to quickly explore opportunities for reducing additional operational costs. Due to the urgency of these budget reductions, the judiciary has met numerous times to ascertain what other immediate cost savings need to occur. The Court concluded that there would be furloughs, layoffs, some salary freezes, a Court closure, reduction in service hours and transfers of some staff.

It was decided to close the Lemoore Branch Court to realize some additional savings and improve some operations.

Pursuant to the California Rule of Court, Rule 10.620(e) and (f), the Superior Court of Kings County is hereby giving urgent notice that the Court in Lemoore will cease all operations effective August 6, 2012. All matters and staff will be transferred to Hanford and Corcoran courthouses.

The Superior Court will do its best in minimizing impact and try to ease the transition of service operations. Please work with the Court during these difficult times.

Any interested person or entity may send correspondence to Todd H. Barton, Court Executive Officer at 1426 South Drive, Superior Court, Hanford, California, 93230.

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As required by the California Rules of Court, Rule 10.620, all public input received shall be provided to the person or persons making these very difficult decisions.